Bluegrass DEIC 1/24/06

Central Baptist Hospital, Educational facility

Members/Designees Present Karen Ogle, parent; Beverly Durborow, MSPT, KEIS provider; Anna Kenion, CAC-HS; Angie Stidham for Dee Werline, Janice Newman- KEIS provider; Martha Park, KEIS Provider; Tal Curry, EC Mental Health; Cherry Proctor, KEIS Provider

Members/Designees Not Present or Represented-Katherine McCormick- UK, Nancy Little, Melanie Tyner-Wilson, Mrs. Moore (parent), Valerie Perry: Parent, Dixie Miller, Linda Abner,

Staff Present: Kristi Lunceford, UK TA; Connie Coovert, UK TA.

Guests Present:, Kathy Burke, Rose Pennington, Geri Cadle, Virtie Johnson, Elisabeth Churchill, Alan Siegel, Vanessa Fletcher,

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Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by Karen Ogle, parent member and DEIC co-chair.	Room introductions were given
Minutes	Minutes from previous meeting reviewed	Minutes approved. Ist Beverly Durborow, 2 nd Anna Kenion Bluegrass DEIC minutes will be submitted to First Steps Central Office for web posting.
Speakers	Kathy Burke and Rose Pennington from Bluegrass Family Preservation spoke to the group. Program is under the Bluegrass MH/MR umbrella. This program provides in home therapy and support to families in all Bluegrass counties that need assistance in keeping families together. Most referrals are from DCBS, families, community partners and mental health. Packets were provided of Services offered and therapies provided.	Referrals can be made to Family Preservation at 859-299-0794 EXT 225

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Reports	POE report was presented by Angie Stidham and copies made available to all present. 107 referrals were taken in October and 85 in December. POE is trying to boost the Birth-6 months of age referrals through Public Awareness. If anyone is aware of any service gaps in any of the counties in the Bluegrass please let POE know.	
	Treasurer's report- given by Martha Park. An information sheet was given out on DEIC Budget. A decision was made to spend available funds for public awareness and child find activities. The best way to do this is to have the Bluegrass First Steps Developmental brochure reprinted.	Voted on spending of remaining public awareness funds to print brochures about First Steps. Kristi will contact Stout Printing with address update for cover of brochure and give them a "go ahead" to print.
	Public Awareness report-given by Eric Little. Attendance has been low at the DEIC Public Awareness committee meetings. Committee members are urged to attend. Meetings for 2006 are as follows: Feb.7, April 18, June 13, Aug.15, Oct 17 and Dec 12. Meetings are from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the POE office. Having First Steps materials translated into Spanish continues to be a main focus. An opportunity for provider recruitment at the KISS Conference was discussed.	
	TA report-Kristi Lunceford and Connie Coovert: Connie reported on the status of the new Family Orientation being offered to all families in the First Steps Program. The POE is currently supplying all families that have had an Initial IFSP with a letter from the Parent Consultant. This letter is an invitation as	

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	well as a schedule of all the orientations being held across the state for the next 3 months. Connie asks that	
	all Service Providers encourage their families to attend!	
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	Kristi reports that the new Part C Coordinator is	
	Meredith Brown. Meredith held the Quality Assurance	
	Director position for First Steps. At this time there are	
	no plans to fill this position because of a State hiring	
	freeze.	
	First Steps Website: Updates are posted every 2-3	
	weeks.	
	Developmental Interventionists must have had a plan	
	for their IECE as of this past January 1, 2006. If not, they can no longer bill.	
	Provider Forum. Statewide presentation. Bluegrass	
	forum was held on January 4, 2006 at the University of	
	Kentucky. Turn out was small. Providers in	
	attendance discussed First Steps Program Needs and	
	Strengths. Possibility that another forum will be held	
	in the Bluegrass for better participation. A suggestion	Kristi will check into this and let providers know.
	was made to hold it at a PSC meeting.	
	Contract Renewals. April1-June 30. All providers	
	must re-new. Forms are on the First Steps website.	
	Forms 5, 6, and 8 go directly to Jackie Neal.	
	ICC met on January 12. Karen Ogle (our DEIC co-	
	chair) has been <u>nominated</u> to be a Parent	
	Representative on the ICC. Several positions are open	
	and waiting for the Governor to make decisions. Sarah Wilding is the new ICC chairperson. She is a	
	representative from the Department of Public Health.	
	Primary Level Evaluator (PLE) - next Mandatory	
	meeting is April 26, 2006. New requirements to	

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	continue to do PLE have been developed. Contact Jackie Sampers with questions. New Primary Service Coordination Training days 1-4 will be held February 2& 3 in Maysville and February 23 & 24 in Lexington. Dates on Website. New Provider Orientation Trainings dates are on Website. The next one being offered in the Bluegrass will be in June. A follow-up training On "Consultation" is being planned.	
Old Business	None	
New Business	None	
Announcements	Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15 11:30-1:30 pm at Dickey Hall Faculty Lounge – UK campus, Scott	Karen Ogle will confirm meeting dates for rest of year with
	Street behind Taylor Education Building. UK will be on Spring Break so parking should not be a problem.	CBH for meeting space. Announcements page provided to all attendee's with specific dates and events throughout the state and bluegrass district.